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AMCONSUL LOURENCO MQRQUES

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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SUBJ: CODEL CLARK/BIDEN

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1. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CODEL VISIT AND HOPE SCHEDULED STAY IN SOUTH AFRICA CAN BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW MORE TIME, WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY TO COVER ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 6D REFTEL.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO REQUESTS CONTAINED IN PARA 5:

A. CONTROL OFFICER IS ROBERT H. MUNN, POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

B. RESERVATION ON BP 160 JOHANNESBURG TO FRANCISTOWN, AUG 23,

AND FRANCISTOWN TO LUSAKA VIA BP 162 HAS BEEN RECONFIRMED.

RESERVATIONS FOR AUG 26 FROM JOHANNESBURG TO LUANDA VIA TP 244

HAVE BEEN RECONFIRMED, BUT WE WERE CAUTIONED THAT THIS FLIGHT

OFTEN SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CONCELLATION. CHARTER AIR FLIGHTS

TO LUSAKA NOT POSSIBLE, SINCE SOUTH AFRICAN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT

NOT PERMITTED TO LAND THERE.

C. ROOM RESERVATIONS AS REQUESTED HAVE BEEN MADE FOR NIGHT AUG 22 AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT HOLIDAY INN.

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D. LISTS OF OFFICIALS, JOURNALISTS, AND AGENCIES REQUESTED

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WILL BE DELIVERED ON ARRIVAL.

E. LOCAL WORKING DAY IS NORMALLY 0800 TO 1700 FOR LOCAL OFFICIAL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICES. BREAKFAST APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED. LUNCH BREAK IS USUALLY 1300 TO 1400. SPLIT APPOINTMENTS FOR LATE AFTERNOON COCKTAILS AND SEPARATE DINNER CAN BE ARRANGED. DINNER CUSTOMS ARE VERY MUCH AS IN US, AND LATE EVENING MEETINGS CAN OFTEN BE ARRANGED.

F. DAYTIME TEMPERATURES SHOULD BE MID-60 TO MID-70, CLEAR AND PLEASANT, WITH LITTLE CHANCE OF RAIN. TEMPERATURES DROP AT SUNSET AND EVENINGS ARE CHILLY OR COLD AT THIS ALTITUDE OF OVER 5000 FEET.

3. SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 22-23:

A. I WILL HAVE KEY EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH ME AT AIRPORT TO PROVIDE WHATEVER BRIEFINGS YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL.

B. TIME AVAILABLE EVENING AUG 22 WILL NOT ALLOW FOR MEETING WITH BRAND FOURIE IN PRETORIA AND DINNER WITH NAUDE GROUP IN JOHANNESBURG. WE WILL SEEK ARRANGE MEETING WITH FOURIE DURING YOUR BRIEF STOPOVER AUG 26.

C. GIVEN DISTANCE OF SOWETO FROM AIRPORT, AT LEAST FOUR HOURS MUST BE ALLOWED FOR SATISFACTORY VISIT. UNCERTAINTY OF ARRIVAL TIME OF MOZAMBIQUE FLIGHT AND FACT THAT DARKNESS FALLS SHORTLY AFTER 1700 MAKES INCLUSION SOWETO TOUR INADVISABLE DURING THIS STOPOVER. WE WILL INCLUDE IT IN SECOND STOPOVER IF EXTENDED SUFFICIENTLY.

D. REV. NAUDE REGRETS THAT COMMITMENT DELIVER MAJOR ADDRESS AT NATAL UNIVERSITY EVENING 22ND PRECLUDES HIS ATTENDING DINNER MEETING. HE IS ASKING FOUR MEMBERS HIS STAFF, TWO WHITE AND TWO BLACK, TO MEET YOU AT HOLIDAY INN AT AIRPORT FOR DINNER DISCUSSION.

E. DAVID SOGGOTT WILL JOIN YOU FOR BREAKFAST APPROX 0730 AUG 23. SONNY LEON IS NORMALLY IN CAPE TOWN OR KIMBERLEY BUT INDICATES HE PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU FOR BREAKFAST ALSO.

*. IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS EXTENSION OF STAY AUG 26 TO 28, REV NAUDE WILL BE DELIGHTED MEET WITH YOU DURING THIS PERIOD. EMBASSY DEVELOPING CONTINGENCY PROGRAM SHOULD LONGER STAY BE POSSIBLE.

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